Glenda Wiles

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To: Glenda Wiles

Subject: Lost Horse Canyon is a valuable recreational site

Dear Sir.

I have been a rock climber and mountaineer for 33 years. I've climber all over the world but find many of the best crags right here in the US. Lost Horse Canyon is a valuable recreational site for climbers and others. Further industrialization and therefore degradation of the canyon for financial gain/savings is counter-productive to the high and long-term recreational value in the canyon. I am against further mining in the canyon! There are many other sources of rock available that do not conflict with high use, high value recreation. I am not against resource extraction, but I am against it when it conflicts with a high use, high value area. Please recognize the recreational use of the canyon as a valuable commodity! Thank you!

Sincerely,

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